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28. Min of Planning 29. Min. of Programme Implementation 30. Min. of Railway 31. Min. of Sci. & Technology 32. Deptt. of Electronics 33. Deptt. of Atomic Energy 34. Deptt. of Space 35. Deptt. of Ocean Development 36. Min. of Tourism 37. Deptt. of parl. Affairs	1 1	.. ..	.. ..
38. Min. of Urban Development	..	1	..
39. Min. of Water Resources	..	1	..
40. Min. of Steel & Mines	1	..	..
TOTAL PUBLICITY OFFICER IN PIB	11	17	15

N.B.: All the above officers are looking after the Publicity work relating to the various Department including Public Sector undertakings which are controlled by the Ministries mentioned above.

Participation of non-resident Indians in the housing sector

@*314-A. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to encourage the Non-Resident Indians to invest in the housing construction schemes in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal regarding the Non-Resident Indians' participation in the housing sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) A suggestion to permit non-resident Indians to invest in the housing construction activity in India has been reviewed. However, no decision has been taken so far to permit such investment.

(b) The question does not arise.

@Priviously Starred Question 335 transferred from the 20th March, 1987.

Contraband Goods recovered at Barauni and Darbhanga

*315. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item that appeared in the Hindustan Times of 28th October, 1986 wherein it has been stated that contraband goods worth Rs. 27 lakhs were recovered in separate raids at Barauni and Darbhanga districts of Bihar, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the names of the persons arrested; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken to prevent such happening in the State in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Government's attention has been

drawn to the news-item referred to in the question which appeared in "Hindustan Times" dated the 28th October, 1986 under the caption "Contraband worth 27 lakh seized". The details of the seizures referred to in the news-item are given below:—

(i) On 22nd October, 1986, the officers of Customs (Preventive) Collectorate, Patna, seized dinner sets, photo papers, torches, fabrics, etc. of foreign origin and Indian currency collectively valued at Rs. 15 lakhs from a truck near Barauni. The truck was also seized. In this connection, following three persons were arrested:—

(a) Gurmesh Singh

(b) Prahlad Singh

(c) Lal Bahadur Sahni

(ii) On 24th October, 1986, another siezure of readymade garments and polyester yarn of foreign origin worth Rs. 6.75 lakhs was made near Barauni. The truck carrying contraband goods was also seized and the following three persons were arrested:—

(a) Arjun Singh

(b) Amar Singh

(c) Sri Kansa Singh

(iii) On 22nd October, 1986, a consignment of 23 bags of 'scrap' booked from Adapur railway station to Varanasi under Bill No. 7107 dated 21st October, 1986, was detained by the officers of GRP Darbhanga. The packages were examined on 27.10.1986. As a result, 963 Kgs. of ganja valued at 4.61 lakhs was recovered and seized by the officers of GRP Darbhanga under the provision of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

(c) The anti-smuggling drive in the entire Indo-Nepal border region has been intensified. The preventive and intelligence machinery of the Customs department in the region remain vigilant against smuggling activities in general. Close co-ordination is maintained with the concerned Central and State Government authorities for taking appropriate remedial measures.

Stringent action is taken against persons found involved in smuggling activities, both departmentally as well as through prosecution in Courts. Apart from confiscation of smuggled goods and imposition of penalty, preventive detention under the COFEPOSA Act is also reserted to in appropriate cases.

Doordarshan Kendras in Orissa

*316. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the places where new Doordarshan Kendras are proposed to be set up in Orissa in the remaining period of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to set up T.V. Centres in the Tribal belt of Orissa; and

(c) if so, whether districts like Mayurbhanj, Phulbani and Kalahandi would got the priority in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The establishment of nine new 100 Watt TV transmitters, one each at Bhavanipatna, Baleshwar, Baripada, Bhanjanagar, Bolangir, Jeypore, Keonjhergarh, Phulbani and Sundergarh is envisaged during the Seventh Plan period. The 100 Watt transmitter at Bhawanipatna is subsequently proposed to be replaced by a high power 10 (Kilo Watt) transmitter during the VII Plan period.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 100 Watt transmitters at Baripada (Mayurbhanj district), Bhawanipatna Kalahandi district, Phulbani (Phulbani district) and Jeypore (Koraput district) are expected to be commissioned during 1987-88.